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1. DR. PHILIPPA STRUM, 1977AMSPEC IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, SPOKE
ON THEME "PRESIDENTIALISM VS. CONSTITUTIONALISM" MAY 12 AT ISTANBUL
UNIVERSITY AND MAY 13 AT BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY.

2. ASSESSMENT: QP - VG; ED - VG; AR - E; AND RO - VG.

3. AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY DR. STRUM LECTURED ON "POWERS OF THE
PRESIDENT" TO ABOUT DOZEN MEMBERS OF ECONOMICS AND LAW FACULTIES.
TOPICS INCLUDED IMPORTANCE OF CONSTITUTION TO AMERICAN PEOPLE,
HISTORY OF CONGRESS, FUNCTIONS OF CONGRESS TODAY. LIVELY QUESTION
PERIOD FOLLOWED. FOR EXAMPLE, LEFTIST-ORIENTED PROFESSOR ASKED
WHETHER CIVIL RIGHTS WERE AVAILABLE TO COMMUNISTS IN USA. IN
REPLY SPEAKER POINTED OUT THAT COMMUNISTS WERE ON BALLOT IN NEW
YORK CITY. OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNED MOTIVE BEHIND WELFARE
CAPITALISM IN US AND WHETHER AMERICAN PEOPLE IGNORE VIOLATIONS
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. DRAWING UPON HER OWN EXPER-
IENCE, DR. STRUM HAD INTELLIGENT ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS.

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4. AT BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY DR. STRUM HAD SEVERAL INFORMAL CONVER-
SATIONS DURING A LUNCHEON WITH FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES
SCHOOL, WHICH INCLUDES ECONOMICS, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.
AT ONE POINT DR. STRUM NOTED EFFECTIVELY THAT EVEN THOUGH SHE OPP-
POSED THE ADMINISTRATION ON SOME ISSUES SUCH AS CIA INFILTRATION
OF ACADEMIC WORLD, SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN A STATE

DEPARTMENT GRANT, INDICATING US GOVERNMENT'S LIBERAL APPROACH TO
DISSENT. AFTER LUNCHEON DR. STRUM SPOKE TO
JUNIOR YEAR UNDERGRADUATES ON "CONGRESS AND FOREIGN POLICY."
QUESTIONS MAINLY CONCERNED ARMS EMBARGO.

5. DR. STRUM IS VERY PERSONABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE SCHOLAR, WHO
OFFERS INTERESTING EXPLANATIONS BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. SHE IS
GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST ON INFORMAL OCCASIONS AND ARTICULATE IN
DISCUSSIONS.

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